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(b) what action has been taken, till now, by the Executive Engineer, on the memorandum; and

(c) whether the Government will be pleased to call for a report and place the same on the table?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have not the information.

(*c*) Yes; a report has been called for. The question of placing it on the table will be considered after the report is received.

Irrigation Advisory Board for the Tinnevelly district.

* 229 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a request has been made to the Government for the formation of an Irrigation Advisory Board for the Tinnevelly district;

(*b*) whether the Tinnevelly District Association has made representations to the Government on 23rd January 1933 about the constitution and powers of the proposed Advisory Board; and

(*c*) what orders, if any, have been passed by the Government on the proposals and representations?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The letter from the Tinnevelly District Association was forwarded to the Board of Revenue for disposal. The Board of Revenue has on a report from the Collector informed him that he is himself competent to constitute an irrigation advisory board under the powers recently delegated to Collectors by Government.

Irrigation of parts of Udaiyarpalaiyam by waters taken from the Piranjeri and Ponneri tanks.

* 230 *Q.*—Mr. V. T. ARASU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any portion of the Udayarpalaiyam taluk, Trichinopoly district, was being irrigated by the waters from the tanks called Piranjeri and Ponneri; and

(*b*) if so, their respective ayacuts in the years 1900, 1910, 1920 and 1930?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) There is no irrigation source known as Piranjeri tank in Udayarpalaiyam taluk. The hon. Member presumably means the Athiyadi eri of Piranjeri village. The ayacut of the two tanks as given in the settlement register is—

—	1900.	1910.	1920.	1930.
	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.
Athiyadi eri	63·0	63·0	63·0	83·12
Ponneri eri	36·0	36·0	51·0	59·21

The Athiyadi eri breached in 1919 and steps are being taken to close the breaches.

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Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" May I know why the Government have not taken any steps to close down the breaches and repair the Athiyadi eri?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" In the answer it is stated that steps are being taken to close the breaches."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" I want to know why the Government have not taken any steps from 1919 onwards?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" I must ask for notice."

Irrigational possibilities of the Karuvadu odai in the Udayarpalaiyam taluk.

*231 Q.—Mr. V. T. Arasu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that there is in the eastern half of the Udayarpalaiyam taluk, Trichinopoly district, a jungle stream that is popularly known as the *Karuvadu odai*; and

(b) whether at any time the Government have investigated into the possibility of utilizing the waters of that stream for irrigation purposes?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The proposal was considered last year in connexion with the improvements to Athiyadi eri and extension of irrigation under it but was dropped owing to the estimated return being inadequate.

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" May I know whether the Government will be pleased to direct the Revenue Divisional Officer to conduct a detailed investigation of this project and submit a report to the Government?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" No, Sir."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that, if this project is undertaken, it would irrigate about 600 or 700 acres in the Udaiyarpalaiyam taluk?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" I must ask for notice of the question."

Land Revenue Administration

Representation from the old Tanjore Delta Mirasidars' Association regarding income per acre of wet land.

*232 Q.—Mr. A. Pl. N. V. Nadimuthu Pillai: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received from the old Tanjore Delta Mirasidars' Association tabular statements showing the income per acre of wet land in the Tanjore district based upon the Settlement Officer's own report and whether they would place on the Council table a copy of their representations to the Government; and

(b) whether the price of paddy is less than what it was last year?